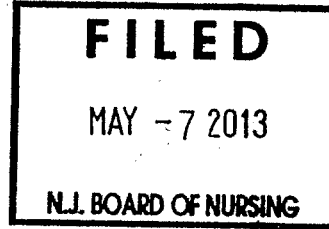


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :	
FOR LICENSURE OF :	Administrative Action
WILLIAM E. TORRES :	
NP 06961700 :	CONSENT ORDER
TO PRACTICE NURSING :	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of William E. Torres's application for licensure by examination as a Licensed Practical Nurse, including certification and authorization form for a criminal history background check dated August 9, 2012. Upon a review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on August 29, 1991 by members of the Middletown Police Department and charged with violations of N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3(c) (Trespassing) and N.J.S.A.

2C:39-5(c) (Possession of a Weapon). The criminal history reflects that there was "no bill" on the weapon charge. As for the trespassing charge, Mr. Torres was found guilty in the Middletown Municipal Court on April 27, 1992 and paid an assessment of one hundred and fifty dollars.

The applicant failed to disclose this arrest and conviction on his application for licensure, answering "No" to questions 14 and 15 on the license application and "No" to question 6 on the certification/authorization form for a criminal history background check. These questions ask whether the applicant has ever been arrested and/or convicted. Following notification to the applicant that the Board was aware of the arrest and conviction, the applicant subsequently provided a written explanation. The applicant explained that as a twenty-two year old, he and some friends were shooting an old rifle at an outdoor shooting range that was no longer in use. Mr. Torres did not have a Federal Firearms Identification. He explained that at the time, he was in the United States Army Reserve, worked as a civilian in the security industry, and volunteered for the New York City Guardian Angels and his local rescue squad. He acknowledged the stupidity of his actions and has learned to follow all legal requirements relating to the sport of shooting.

Mr. Torres maintains that the weapon charge was expunged. The trespassing charge remained and Mr. Torres paid the full assessment.

Mr. Torres maintains that he misunderstood the questions on the application and certification to refer to a conviction of a felony only. However, the questions clearly encompass any arrest and any conviction.

The Board finds that the applicant's use of dishonesty, deception, or misrepresentation in not disclosing his arrest and conviction on his application form and criminal history background check constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature of the above conduct, and that it involves an isolated incident remote in time, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 7th day of May, 2013

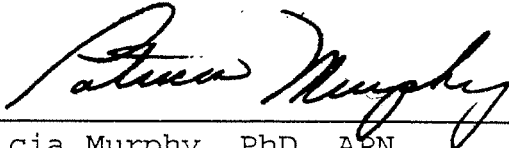
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. William E. Torres's application for licensure by examination shall be granted upon payment of a civil penalty hereby imposed in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars

(\$250.00) for failing to disclose his arrest and conviction on his application and certification/authorization for a criminal history background check and upon proof of passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey," and shall be submitted contemporaneously with this signed Order.

2. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions, as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in any State or jurisdiction in which he practices nursing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: 
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.


William E. Torres

Date: 4/15/13